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TWO STATE-WIDE DRILLS PLANNED THIS MONTH

SCD Starts Three New Programs To Meet 'Home Front' Problems

Three new programs were launched this week by the State Council of Defense to cope with growing "home front" problems arising out of the war.

The programs, and those named to direct two of them, are:

1. **Day Care for Children of Mothers in War Industries**—to be directed by Mrs. Benjamin Ludlow, of Bryn Mawr.

2. **Forest Fire Fighters Service**—to be organized under George H. Wirt, veteran Chief of Protection in the State Department of Forests and Waters.

3. **Bureaus of Advice on Fuel Conservation**—to be set up by Councils of Defense in areas where fuel oil rationing and transportation difficulties threaten to create serious heating problems.

The first two programs are national undertakings sponsored by the O.C.D., but the Fuel Conservation project is a Pennsylvania program made possible by an offer of the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers to give free heating advise to home-owners.

In the Child Care project Mrs. Ludlow's first step will be to find out where the problem is most acute, where it is pending, and the extent to which day nurseries and other agencies are meeting the situation.

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R. Chapman Carver, above, was recently named Chief of Training for the State Council of Defense. He also heads the State Public Service Institute.

Day Test During School Hours Will Be First Of Kind

Pennsylvania will have two state-wide air raid practices during October—one a blackout and the other a daylight drill that will be called during school hours.

This was announced by Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the S. C. D., following a statement last weekend in which he and Dr. Francis B. Haas, Superintendent of Public Instruction, called on Councils of Defense and school officials to complete school preparations "at once."

Not To Go Home

In the joint statement were specific instructions for protection of school children, featured by the rule that pupils are not to be sent home in event of a raid but are to be kept in the safest part of the school building or an adjoining building.

The October practices will be the first on a state-wide basis since August, and the daylight drill will be the first of its kind held in Pennsylvania except in individual districts and counties. Citizens Defense Corps members will enforce the daylight rules requiring normal traffic to halt and pedestrians to take cover.

Neither the day nor the hour of the October drills will be revealed publicly in advance.

Meanwhile, a practice blackout that took even Civilian Defense leaders by surprise was

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2,000 Will Take Bomb Training

An estimated 2,000 Bomb Reconnaissance Agents and other air raid protection workers will attend two-day training schools this month in 16 cities of Pennsylvania, the State Council of Defense announced.

Instruction will be given by officers from the Army's Third Service Command and will deal with responsibilities of Reconnaissance Agents in reporting unexploded or delayed action bombs to Army authorities, characteristics of enemy bombs, and evacuation of personnel from danger areas.

Agents are recruited by Councils of Defense largely from police and fire personnel.

The training already has been given at **Philadelphia** and **Pittsburgh,** and classes were held early this week at **Scranton, Lancaster,** and **Bethlehem.** The remainder of the schedule is:

Oct. 8 and 9, Reading, Wilkes-Barre and York; Oct. 12 and 13, Williamsport, Altoona and Erie; Oct. 15 and 16, Harrisburg, Johnstown and Sharon; Oct. 19 and 20, Butler and Greensburg; and Oct. 22 and 23, New Castle and Washington.

ALMOST REAL!

Schuylkill County's latest blackout seemed like "the real thing," particularly to radio listeners, when broadcasting stations in New York went off the air at the identical time and for the same duration in response to a blue alert in that area.

Howard S. Fernsler, chairman of the County Council of Defense, described the practice as the "most successful we have had to date."

25 PER CENT GAIN NOTED IN GARDENS

The Victory Garden program has resulted in an increase of at least 25 per cent in the number of new or enlarged gardens in Pennsylvania this year, according to estimates made by Mrs. H. B. Eliason, chairman of the S. C. D. Victory Garden Committee.

Reports are being received from all county Victory Garden chairmen, and final results will be published in the next issue of the DEFENSE COUNCIL NEWS **Lycoming** County, with one garden for every seven residents, submitted one of the outstanding reports.

Scrap Drive Goal Now 500,000 Tons

A United Scrap Drive to collect 500,000 tons of iron and steel scrap by October 17 was rolling forward in Pennsylvania this week with the support of the state's 600 newspapers and 1,800,000 school children.

The new goal—amounting to 100 pounds per capita—was set after the state-wide Scrap Harvest was extended beyond September 30 and merged with the Newspapers' Metal Scrap Drive and the School Salvage Campaign. Every county that reaches its quota will be awarded a WPB pennant.

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Disposition of Fines Set By Law

The requirement that fines imposed for violation of the rules promulgated by authority of the Air Raid Precautions Act be paid to county treasuries, instead of to municipalities, is not a ruling of the State Council of Defense but a part of the law of Pennsylvania.

This was made clear by Harrington Adams, Deputy Attorney General assigned to the State Council.

"When prosecutions are brought under a State act which does not specify who is to receive the fines, they automatically go to the county," said Mr. Adams. "This is set forth in a law passed in 1860."

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TWO STATE-WIDE DRILLS PLANNED

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staged in the five-county Philadelphia area last Sunday. Dr. Marts arrived in the city at 8:30 P. M. and completed arrangements with local leaders for a test that started at 9:45. Officials called the blackout "the best yet."

More than a score of practices were staged by counties and districts during the last half of September, and others have been approved by the S.C.D. for early October. The late September tests involved the following areas:

Blackouts—**Lancaster, Juniata, Mifflin, Tioga, Northumberland, Snyder, Fayette, Westmoreland** and **Schuylkill** counties, the communities of **Bedford** and **Chambersburg,** and the five-county **Philadelphia** Metropolitan Area.

Daylight drills—**Juniata, Clinton, Schuylkill, Fayette** and **Mifflin** counties, and the communities of **Waynesboro, Salisbury** and **Bedford.**

An industrial blackout drill was held simultaneously in nine plants of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation located at **Clairton, Dravosburg, McKeesport, Duquesne, North Braddock, Munhall, Homestead, Etna** and **Vandergrift.**

DEFENSE COUNCILS ARE DOING PUBLIC SERVICE

An indication that Councils of Defense are performing public services beyond their defense duties is seen in the recent successful effort of **Northumberland** County Council of Defense to bring a pilot training school to the **Sunbury** Airport.

After other efforts had failed, Clyde C. Boden, executive director, and Sam C. Price, executive secretary, stepped in and completed arrangements for moving the Safair Flying School from Roosevelt Field, N. Y. They also arranged for the housing of 100 students at an abandoned CCC Camp near Sunbury.

S. C. D. STARTS 3 NEW PROGRAMS

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An advisory committee will be named to assist her.

To Set Standards

"Our job," said Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the S.C.D., "will be to stimulate local action where it is needed and to recommend the type of day school, nursery, or play center that should be conducted, and standards for its operation."

The U. S. Office of Defense Health and Welfare and the WPA have funds that might be drawn on to a limited extent by some communities, but it is believed that most of the cost of child care activities will have to be borne by the working mothers themselves, by the industries involved, or by the communities.

"This is a problem that will grow more and more acute as more mothers are drawn into war industries," said Dr. Marts. "Already the situation is serious in some areas, and in a few cases there has been an accompanying rise in juvenile delinquency."

Mrs. Ludlow will work through Councils of Defense and children's agencies in carrying out the new program. She is a vice-president of the Emergency Aid of Pennsylvania and recently served in the Volunteer Assistance branch of the State OPA headquarters. Her husband is Director of War Bond Sales in Pennsylvania.

Fire Service

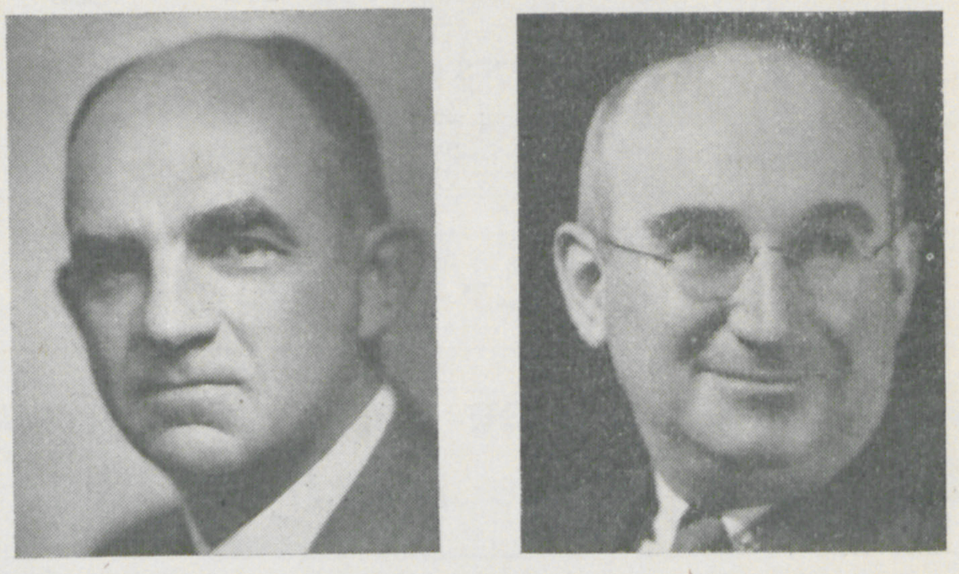
The Forest Fire Fighters Service will be a unit in the Citizens Defense Corps, and its members, after special training, will be awarded armbands bearing a pine-tree insignia. County Councils of Defense will be asked to recruit from 12,000 to 15,000 volunteers for this service.

"Our forests, aside from the danger of fire during the spring and fall dry seasons, present a vast area open to attack by enemy incendiaries," said Mr. Wirt. "Nearly half of the area of Pennsylvania is forest land under State protection, and we must guard against any wartime conflagration that would destroy our timber and endanger lives."

Fuel Conservation

Bureaus of Advice to assist persons in conserving fuel this winter will be set up mainly in the southeastern counties, where nearly all of Pennsylvania's 144,000 oil-burners are located. The State Council of Defense will supply Councils of Defense with the names of heating engineers in their area who are willing to volunteer their services.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE LEADERS



Heads of the Philadelphia Council of Defense are Dr. Hubley R. Owen, right, chairman, who recently returned from a five-week study of Civilian Defense in Britain, and Judge Harry S. McDevitt, who is executive director. Dr. Owen is also the city's director of health.

2,000 VOLUNTEERS FINISH TRAINING

During September more than 2,000 volunteers throughout Pennsylvania were certified for completing Citizens Defense Corps training courses, and four new courses have been planned for this month, it was announced by R. Chapman Carver, Chief of Training for the State Council of Defense.

New courses will include training for Auxiliary Police, Fire Watchers, Control Center Telephonists, and advanced training for Air Raid Wardens. The advanced manual for wardens has already been released and manuals for the other new courses are being printed.

MRS. ZIRKLE ON TOUR

Mrs. Conway Zirkle, chairman of the S.C.D. Advisory Committee on Consumer Interests, has started a three months tour of Pennsylvania to confer with Consumer Committees in all the counties. Local councils will be notified in advance of her visit.

"There are many ways in which fuel consumption can be lowered," said Dr. Marts, "and that is why it is necessary to have Bureaus of Advice where people may call at certain times during the week and obtain expert guidance on how to meet the problem in their own cases."

Ten practical steps for fuel conservation are recommended by the engineering society, including lower house temperatures, furnace repairs, new insulation, and conversion of oil burners to coal.

100,000 VOLUNTEERS

A campaign to recruit 100,000 volunteers for Citizens Service Corps activities will be conducted by the **Philadelphia** Council of Defense from October 19 to 24. "Our protective services are now well-organized," explained Judge Harry S. McDevitt, executive director, "and the crying need is for workers in the numerous non-protective fields."

SCRAP DRIVE

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On the original closing date of the Scrap Harvest, a total of 52,000 tons of scrap metal had been reported to the S.C.D. Advisory Committee on Salvage by 54 counties, but thousands of additional tons remained unweighed, particularly in rural areas.

Warren R. Roberts, State salvage chairman, praised the newspapers for their support and cited as an example the **Lansford** Record, which devoted its entire first page to an appeal for salvage.

The new goal of 500,000 tons will include industrial and auto graveyard scrap as well as community collections and will speed the state toward its quota of 3,000,000 tons by the end of the year. Community collections reported up to Monday of this week totalled 71,449 tons.

A new state-wide tin can collection is being planned, and Colley S. Baker, State salvage secretary, urged all Pennsylvania to begin saving tin cans because of the direly needed tin and steel scrap they contain.

Meanwhile, regional Scrap Institutes have been held at **Harrisburg, Wilkes-Barre Allentown** and **Philadelphia,** and four others will be scheduled.

Crowds Guarded Against Raiders

With the arrival of football season, Councils of Defense and persons in charge of outdoor gatherings are taking precautions against sudden air raids or drills, and already a number of practice blackouts have been held during grid games.

A successful blackout test was conducted recently between halves of a high school game at **Erie.**

Under a policy set forth by the OCD, outdoor crowds are expected to remain where they are when the sirens sound, and the game or event is to be continued, unless at night, when the lights would be turned out.

Typical of the precautions taken by many Councils of Defense is the establishment of temporary air raid posts and first aid stations at each stadium. Wardens in charge will be advised by the Control Center when a preliminary warning is received.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

By Zerelda Owsley
Berkley (Cal.) Defense Council

Civilian Defense is only yourself—
You and the guy next door;
The wife and the kids and the old-maid aunt,
And the clerk at the corner store.

The air raid warden is only the chap
Who runs for the early train,
And the nursing aide in her crisp, blue gown,
Is only your Cousin Jane.

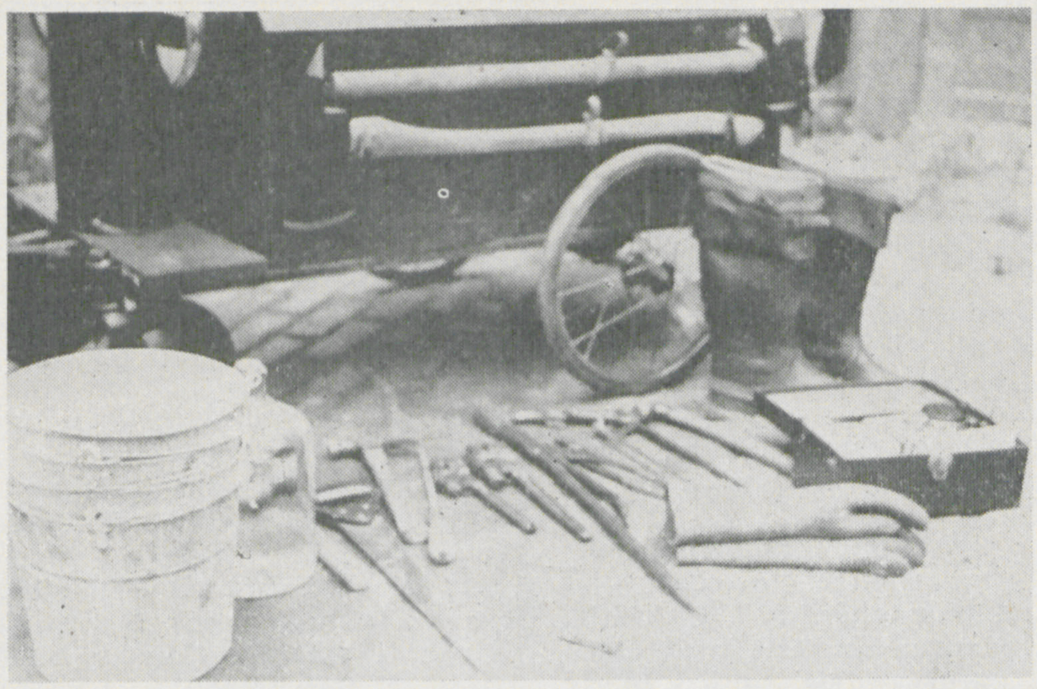
If morale is low and faith is weak
Don't blame it on OCD;
For OCD is just plain folks,
And folks are you and me.

No river can rise over its source,
Any flood of courage and pride
Must emanate from the souls of us,
Not from a printed guide.

Like an orphan babe on the cold, stone steps,
The task lies right at hand,
To be finished by folks like you and me
With faith in our own great land.

WHAT'S THIS?

A headline in the Center Daily Times, of **State College,** carried this startling news: "Bellefonte Establishes Diamond Scrap Depot." However, the depot is for scrap metal and is located on "the Diamond" in front of the Centre County Courthouse.



Home-Made Auxiliary Fireman wagon built by Elmer Taylor, of Collingdale, Delaware County, is pictured above with some of its equipment. Three sections of ladder and a stirrup pump are carried on top of the wagon.

Radio Programs Increasing

Radio programs are being used increasingly by Councils of Defense in Pennsylvania to explain needed air raid precautions.

Of the 25 cities in the state with radio stations, at least ten have reported regular Civilian Defense programs including **Allentown, Sunbury, Reading, York, Greensburg, New Castle, Erie, Lewistown, Hazleton** and **Scranton.**

One of the model programs is broadcast over a **York** station every Sunday night for 15 minutes in charge of C. Kenneth Shanaman, radio chairman of the York City-County Council of Defense. The program opens with a two-minute introduction of sound effects and music; followed by four minutes of news by the "Civilian Defense Reporter;" five minutes devoted to a featured interview; and four minutes devoted to the "Answer Man," who clears up questions asked by the public.

KEY COLLECTION

Collection of Keys for Victory being conducted along with the Scrap Drive has netted an estimated 3,000 keys in one collection center at **Scranton** and more than five pounds of keys at **Ashland,** Schuylkill County.

Scene in front of the State Capitol when Citizens Defense Corps units attacked an "incendiary fire" during recent Harrisburg blackout.

TRAINS MUST REDUCE LIGHTS IN BLACKOUTS

Lights on passenger trains will not be extinguished but will be reduced in intensity during blackouts, according to regulations for railroads approved by the U. S. War Department, and announced by the State Council of Defense.

The regulations provide that lighting in passenger stations be reduced to a minimum required for safe operation, but floodlights and buildings used strictly for office purposes must be completely blacked out. Signals essential to safe operation will not be extinguished.

TRAILER AMBULANCE MADE FROM SALVAGE

Using salvage material, auxiliary firemen of **Dormont** have made a trailer ambulance for use in emergencies. Parts were assembled from two discarded automobiles, a bed spring, steel panels and other materials.

The unit can be attached to an automobile and rushed wherever needed or it can be removed from the chassis and carried. It has a removable first aid dressing station and room for two stretchers.

SPEAKERS BUREAUS FORMED IN STATE

A number of Councils of Defense have complied already with the State Council of Defense's request to establish Victory Speakers Bureaus to provide local speakers for their own community gatherings this fall and winter.

Mrs. Jean D. Doverspike, Director of Speakers Bureau for the S.C.D., plans to assist local councils in organizing their bureaus, which are necessary because travel curtailment has made it difficult to obtain speakers from a distance.

The trend of speaking, Mrs. Doverspike said, "is for facts on how individuals can participate in the war effort." Local bureaus will receive speakers' material on all phases of the war effort regularly from the OCD, which has announced a goal of 100,000 Victory Speakers.

Franking Privilege Use Revised by OCD

A supplement revising the use of the Franking Privilege has been issued by the OCD and forwarded to Distribution Agents throughout Pennsylvania.

Under the revision, Distribution Agents will be limited to the mailing of material issued by the OCD. or exact reprints, and "material prepared by State or Local Councils of Defense may not be mailed under the penalty privilege."

Distribution Agents were reminded last week of the October 1 deadline for reports for the first quarter of the Franking Privilege.

MORE NURSES AIDES ARE NEEDED IN STATE

Thousands of Nurse's Aides will be needed during the next several months in addition to the 2,460 trained and certified in Pennsylvania during the past year, Miss Cecile Kennedy, Red Cross liaison representative of the State Council of Defense, reported.

Pennsylvania's 111 Red Cross Chapters reported 2,460 Nurse's Aide certificates issued up to August 31 and 3,190 trainees enrolled. The national quota for the next 12 months is 100,000 Nurse's Aides.

WARNS OF BOMBINGS

Victor C. Diehm, **Hazleton,** public relations chairman of Kiwanis International, has published a story in "The Kiwanis Magazine" in which he warns of bombings and urges preparations to combat them. Kiwanians are taking an active part, he said in getting residents of their communities to participate in Civilian Defense.

BOY SCOUT TROOPS MOBILIZE IN STATE

The State Council of Defense has been informed that Pennsylvania's 52 Boy Scout Councils will mobilize their entire facilities behind the war effort. Boy Scouts already comprise the majority of the 32,000 messengers enrolled in Pennsylvania but more are needed to fill the quota of 80,000.

A report by the **Harrisburg** Area Council of the Boy Scouts shows the following efforts on behalf of Civilian Defense: Collection of 25,000 pounds of aluminum during the 1941 campaign; Delivery of 3500 Consumer Pledges to housewives; Collection of 500,000 pounds of waste paper and many tons of other salvage items; Delivery of Air Raid instruction leaflets; participation in Victory Garden Program; and service as Messengers in Citizens Defense Corps.

CAR LIGHTS WILL BE SHADED IN BLACKOUTS

A new rule will be promulgated by the State Council of Defense this month requiring Emergency Vehicle owners to shade or hood their lights during blackouts.

Hooding devices may be of any design but must be tested and approved at one of the Official Motor Vehicle Inspection stations. The change is necessary because critical materials are not now available for production of the special blackout lighting equipment which was specified in the original rule.

FILMS AVAILABLE

Pennsylvania State College has available a number of films released by the U. S. Office of War Information, including "Target for Tonight," "Bomber," and "Safeguarding Military Information."

Requests for the films should be addressed to Room 10 Burrowes Building, State College, Pa.

BLACKOUT FINE UPHELD

The first appeal in **Dauphin** county from a conviction of violating blackout regulations was overruled by Judge William M. Hargest when he ordered the defendant to pay a $10 fine or serve ten days in jail.

An air raid warden testified that "a pencil streak of light" showed through one window, and that the defendant, although he extinguished the light, came outdoors and crossed the street to talk with wardens.

News From Local Councils

School children of **York** are being recruited for the Junior Civilian Corps, organized by York City-County Council of Defense to coordinate activities of school students in the war program . . . In the same county, a group of horsemen has been enrolled as a mounted auxiliary police unit.

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WARREN County's Control Center, in charge of Commander F. W. Waite, showed up well in a recent surprise test . . . In 12 minutes the center was fully manned and in three minutes an emergency lighting plant was in operation.

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Ray Donner, **Sharpsville,** has been named Chief Air Raid Warden of **Mercer** County . . . Clarence C. Klein, secretary of **Pittsburgh** District Council of Defense, has entered military service and his position is being filled temporarily by Park H. Martin, secretary of the **Allegheny** County Council.

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An Emergency Wartime Directory has been compiled by the **Philadelphia** Council of Defense for use in summoning immediate aid to the home . . . The Council also has assigned 108 casualty stations from which mobile medical squads can be dispatched to the scene of a disaster.

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Judge Gerald F. Flood has been named chairman of the **Philadelphia** Council of Defense Radio, Film and Speakers Bureau, succeeding Curtin Winsor, who accepted a commission in the Navy.

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Citizens Defense Corps units in **Rochester,** Beaver County, sped to their posts recently only to learn that what they thought was a surprise backout was actually a fire . . . Lightning had struck a transformer, extinguishing street lights just as the fire alarm sounded.

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Because of the danger of saboteurs, CHESTER authorities have forbidden all persons over 10 years of age to wear costumes or masks during the Hallowe'en season.

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The Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has issued a leaflet urging dog owners to keep their pets under control during air raids and warning that it is unlawful in Pennsylvania "for a dog to be at large at any time unless under the control of the owner or keeper."

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New appointments around the state include: Roger Millen, named executive director of **Bedford** County Council of Defense; Captain Ernest O. Koozer, appointed chairman of **Somerset** County Council of Defense, succeeding Hon. Fred P. Hare, Jr.; Dr. William O. Hershey, named Defense Corps Commander in **Somerset** County; and Dr. C. T. Beechwood, designated as Auxiliary Group chief in **Crawford** County.

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Sharon, Scranton, Altoona and **Shippensburg** are among cities that have installed additional air raid sirens in recent weeks . . . In **Bellefonte,** residents are offered a course in blackout driving so that they may qualify for Civilian Defense and Red Cross driving corps.

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An estimated 3,000 persons witnessed a Defense Day program at ROSCOE, Washington County, which featured a mile-long parade made up largely of civilian defense workers.

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More than 370 members of the Citizens Defense Corps were presented with identification cards and armbands at a ceremony in **Greenville,** while at **Latrobe** 365 persons were qualified at similar exercises.

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In an effort to enlist everyone for Civilian Defense duty, UNION County celebrated Mobilization Day with a program and parade in the Bucknell University stadium, LEWISBURG.

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Ten persons attached to an Aircraft Warning Post in **Ambridge** have received gold wings as a reward for being on duty 50 hours or more . . . High praise was given **Fayette** county's observation posts by army officers who visited the area.

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After experiencing difficulty in transmitting air raid warnings to farmers, **Frazer** township Civilian Defense officials used abandoned school bells and found them so effective that they will be used in the future.

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Three flower beds made of old water boilers have been dug out and donated for scrap at **West Leesport** . . . Scrap weighing 12,310 pounds and hidden from view since the **Johnstown** Flood of 1889 was reclaimed from the river bed in that city.

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M. C. Sutter, chairman of **Jefferson** County Council of Defense, reports that a new county headquarters has been opened in the municipal building, **Punxsutawney** . . .

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Citizens Defense Corps members in **Lancaster** County have been notified to remain at their jobs in the event of an air raid or test alarm, unless notified before the sirens sound . . . They will not assist in any other sector than their regular home sector.

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Twenty-nine buildings in MOUNT CARMEL have been designated as public shelters to be used during air raids or drills.

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Three members of the **Indiana** County Council of Defense have been called for military service . . . Dr. George C. Martin, medical officer, reported to the Army Medical Corps as a major; Chief Air Raid Warden George Marbach enlisted in the Navy as Chief Specialist, and Executive Director Carroll W. Rupp became a Red Cross Field Director.

V-HOME STICKER REQUESTS FILLED

Requests for thousands of additional V-Home stickers are being filled by the State Council of Defense to supplement the 50,000 stickers originally placed in the hands of local Councils of Defense.

National press and radio publicity has spurred the campaign in participating communities where air raid wardens are visiting homes to determine eligibility for the award. Stores in many cities have cooperated by displaying the OCD poster, "Allies for a Big Job."

In **Allegheny** County, the V-Home drive has been postponed until November 29. It will continue then through December 7, the first anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

ANGELUS APPROVED FOR WEST CHESTER

Permission has been granted to the Chester County Council of Defense for the observance of a daily Angelus at **West Chester** during which people may pause for a moment of prayer in behalf of our armed forces.

Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the S.C.D., approved a request to use church chimes for the rite, with the understanding that it would not be confused with a signal for blackouts or air raids.